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Letter dated 6 December 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, I wish on behalf of my Government to report to the Security Council on measures that the Kingdom of the Netherlands has taken following the armed attacks against the United States of America on 11 September 2001.

The Netherlands will be providing the international coalition against terrorism with air-transport capacity (air-to-air refuelling), naval forces, navy aviation (Orion-maritime patrol planes) and necessary support. Some of these units will be deployed in the Caribbean as backfill for American military forces in that region.

The Netherlands has taken these measures in the exercise of the inherent right of individual and collective self-defence (Article 51 of the Charter). The Netherlands wants to underline that these measures are not directed against the Afghan population or against Islam.

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to the present letter and have it distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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